

Year 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of the Spring term. In our second term we will be focusing on 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'. This will be our core theme throughout all of Spring and your children may come home telling you some wonderful facts about the Earth and its structure.

R.E

In RE this term we will be learning about Mosques. In this topic we will be learning about what happens at a mosque and we will be exploring some of the features of inside and outside a mosque. Through this topic children will have exposure to learning about other World Religions, alongside Christianity.



English

In English this term we will be developing our writing skills using expanded noun phrases, high level adjectives, dialogue and a range of conjunctions. Our text for this term is 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We will be using this story to write instructions, letters, non-chronological reports and story recounts. We will continue to develop our editing skills alongside this.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on our Multiplication and Division, involving multiplying and dividing 2-digits by 1-digits. We will continue to look at multiplications including the 3-, 4- and 8-times tables. Alongside this, we will also be covering Length and Perimeter, Fractions and Mass and Capacity. We will also continue to work on our problem-solving and maths fluency skills, focusing on basic number skills such as number bonds, counting in different number patterns and adding and subtracting.

PE



We will be having PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday this term.

Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted). Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons outside, a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

For our second term in Year 3 we will be studying 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles.' Children will be learning about the features and characteristics of the Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. We will also be learning about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. Children will investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials. In art sessions we will cover the genre of figure drawing through exploring figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and create artwork in his style. Children will develop knowledge on artistic techniques used in sketching, printmaking and sculpture. Finally, children will learn about cam mechanisms and experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.

Homework

Reading books will be sent home twice a week on Monday's and Friday's. Pupils need to bring their reading books back with their reading records signed by an adult who has heard them read. Reading spine books will be also be sent out every 3 weeks and the children who receive these should fill in the reading journal. Spellings are set weekly and a copy of these will be available to practise with your child in their spelling logs. TTRS logs will also be provided to allow children to practice their times tables at home.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, or a member of the Year 3 team, then please contact the school office where we will be able to phone you back. As always, thank you for your support.

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